Violation of Forest Conservation Act in Karnataka

2375. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated 18th September 1992 regarding violation of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction in regard thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) A news item has appeared in Indian Express dated 17th September, 1992 regarding alleged violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in Karnataka. Detailed report in this regard has been sought from Karnataka State Government and State Government have been asked to cancel all allotment orders issued, if any, on forest land under 'ASHRAYA' scheme, in violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

वनों में जन्तुओं की संख्या में कमी

2376. श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल: क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के वनों में वन्य प्राणियों, पक्षियों और जन्तुओं आदि की संख्या घटती जा रही है;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि जिन कर्मचारियों को वनों की निगरानी करने का कार्य सौंपा गया है वे ही शिकार-चोरों को संरक्षण देते हैं; और

(ग) सरकार का इस स्थिति को नियंत्रित करने के लिए क्या कार्रवाही करने का विचार है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Ganga Action Plan

2377. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan, Holland, Britain and the World Bank are ready to lend India Rs. 650 crore for the second phase of the Ganga Action Plan but the State Governments of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal have not prepared detailed plans on how the Ganga and its major tributaries are to be cleaned up;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard; and

(c) by when the project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) On the basis of proposals prepared by the Governments of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and National Capital Territory of Delhi, the Government of Japan only has pledged a soft loan of Yen 17.77 billion (equivalent to Rs. 401 crores) for the pollution abatement of river Yamuna as part of second phase of the Ganga Action Plan.

(b) and (c) Proposals for the other components of the second phase of Ganga Action Plan are under formulation by the concerned State Governments.

Project for development of forests of Andhra Pradesh

2378. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted any project for the development of forests with the World Bank assistance to the tune of Rs. 350 crores :

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project has been sanctioned;